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Second Annual SCRS Affiliate Leadership Conference to Focus on Repairer and Insurer Issues

Prosser, Washington, July 24, 2007 — Fresh off of the success of last year's inaugural session, the Society of Collision Repair Specialists (SCRS) is pleased to announce the second annual Affiliate Leadership Conference, taking place at the I-CAR World Headquarters in Hoffman Estates, Illinois. The event is scheduled to run from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Thursday, September 13th.

The Affiliate Leadership Conference spotlights and addresses the needs of SCRS' affiliate associations and their members. "Since its earliest days, SCRS has leveraged the grass roots strength of state associations and maintained a vested interest in their health and well-being," says SCRS Executive Director Dan Risley. "The Affiliate Leadership Conference is a logical outgrowth of that philosophy and further solidifies SCRS' standing as the foremost authority on unifying the industry through our 34 state affiliate associations."

The format of the meeting will be slightly different than last year's. Each association will give a brief overview of their recent activities/successes. The change will be in the amount of time allocated towards discussing repairer and insurer issues, and then the recommended solutions. There has been a lot of turmoil in the industry, and much of it has centered around insurance companies. The SCRS Board of Directors is intent upon identifying the most pressing insurer issues, and building a strategy to address them with the help of our affiliate associations.

"There's more activity at the state level than any time in recent history, and we want to support and complement their efforts," states SCRS Vice Chairman Barry Dorn. "Putting the expertise of our affiliates in one room benefits everyone. The volume of communication that takes place between executive directors, officers and membership is unprecedented. It helps us understand the scope of the issues and how to best serve our members, while ensuring the long term health of the collision repair industry."

"The affiliates are the voice of the industry," states SCRS Chairman Farzam Afshar. "We get a better sense of what's impacting repairers so we can calibrate proposed actions and adjust strategies. Affiliates lead the way—they bring in the big picture and provide SCRS an opportunity to present a unified voice."

For information about the upcoming Affiliate Leadership Conference, please contact Executive Director Dan Risley at (708) 598-3384 or via email at danrisley@scrs.com. You may also contact the SCRS administration office at (877) 841-0660 or via email at info@scrs.com.

Through its direct members and 34 affiliate associations, SCRS is comprised of 6,000 collision repair businesses and 58,500 specialized professionals who work with consumers and insurance companies to repair collision-damaged vehicles. Additional information about SCRS including other news releases is available at the SCRS web site: www.scrs.com. You can e-mail SCRS at the following address: info@scrs.com.